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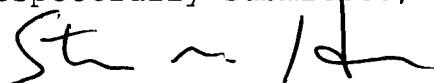
An ankle prosthesis (1) comprising a first component (20) engaged to the tibial bone (2), a second component (30) engaged to the tarsal bone (4) and a third component (10) disposed operatively between the first and the second component (20, 30). The third component (30) is provided with a first and a second sliding surface (11, 12) respectively opposed each other. The first component (20) is provided with a third sliding surface (23) operatively engaged to the first sliding surface (11) of the third component (10). The first component (20) also comprises first fixing means (21) for fixing the first component itself to the lower end (5) of the tibial bone (2). Such first fixing means (21) comprises a protrusion (25) able to engage a respective groove realized on the lower end (5) of the tibial bone (2). The first fixing means (21) is engaged in the groove by a proper fixing substance. The second component (30) is provided with a fourth sliding surface (34) operatively engaged to the second sliding surface (12) of the third component (10). The second component (30) also comprises second fixing means (31) for fixing the second component itself to the upper end of the tarsal bone (4). The second fixing means (31) comprises a proper surface (35) able to be fixed to the tarsal bone (4) by the same fixing substance used to fix the first fixing means (21). The second and the fourth sliding surface (12, 34) are shaped complementarily and respectively congruent, according to a configuration convex-concave. Both the second and the fourth sliding surface (12, 34) extend, according to a sagittal section, along

a curved profile and partially around a revolution axis (40). The first and the third sliding surfaces (11, 23) are substantially flat with guiding means (50) for guiding the third component (10) with respect to the first component (20). The guiding means (50) comprises a rail element (51) disposed on the first component (20) operatively engaged within a respective seat (52) realized within the third component (10).

Fee - 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)

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